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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO BONN, PARIS, LONDON,
STOCKHOLM, MADRID, MOSCOW, VIENNA, MAY 2, FROM ROME RPTD TO
YOU:

QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL ROME 6389

VIENNA FOR IAEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, IT

SUBJECT: ITALY'S SEAT ON THE GB OF THE IAEA

1. NOTING THAT ITALY IS DEPOSITING ITS RATIFICATION OF THE
NPT TODAY POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI RECALLED THAT ITALY IN AC-
CEPTING THE ROLE OF A NON-NUCLEAR POWER HAD BEEN MORE OR LESS
COMPENSATED BY A QUASI PERMANENT SEAT IN THE BOARD OF GOVER-
NORS OF THE IAEA. NOW THE ITALIANS HAVE LEARNED THAT THE
SPANISH AND SWEDES ARE PROMOTING THE IDEA OF A ROTATION OF
THE ITALIAN SEAT. APPARENTLY THE ITALIANS WERE APPROACHED IN
VIENNA. THEY INTEND TO GIVE A NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO THE SUG-
GESTION.

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2. THE ITALIANS SEE NO REASON WHY SPAIN WHICH DUCCI SAID

HAS NOT EVEN SIGNED THE NPT SHOULD BE REWARDED WITH ENHANCED PRESTIGE IN THE IAEA. AS REGARDS THE SWedes, DUCCI NOTES THEY HAVE HAD THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S POSITION IN IAEA FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. FURTHERMORE WHILE SWEDEN AND SPAIN MAY CURRENTLY HAVE LARGER NUCLEAR CAPACITY THAN ITALY, THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY CONDITION AS THE ITALIANS HAVE A LARGE NUCLEAR POWER CAPACITY PROGRAMMED.

3. DUCCI SAID THAT THE ITALIANS WOULD BE RAISING THIS MATTER IN MOSCOW (THE OTHER COUNTRY WHICH URGED THEM TO RATIFY THE NPT), PARIS, LONDON, TOKYO AND NEW DELHI.

4. COMMENT: THOSE WHO RECALL THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN FOR A SEAT ON THE GB WILL REMEMBER THAT THIS A DEADLY SERIOUS PROJECT IN ITALIAN EYES. AS DUCCI SAID, THIS IS A POLITICAL NOT A TECHNICAL QUESTION AND THE EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE GOI IN ITS EFFORTS TO RETAIN ITS SEAT FOR A VARIETY OF POLITICAL AND POLITICAL/MILITARY REASONS. BEAUDRY UNQUOTE.
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